

Inspiring 21st Century Learners

Class Requests

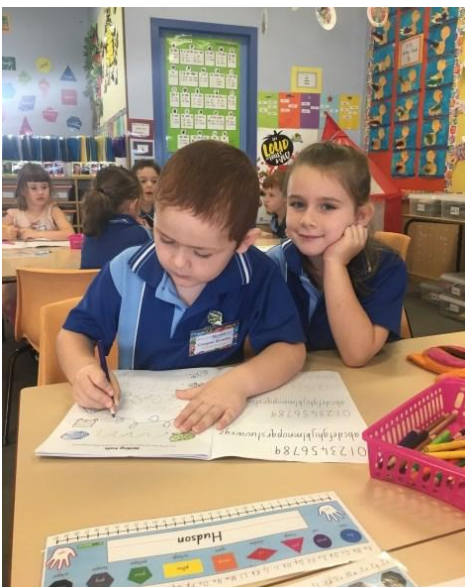
It's that time of year again that whilst teachers are fully focussed on finishing this year off for each of their students, they are also beginning to think about class placements for 2018 as this year winds up. We would again like to offer parents the opportunity to offer any specific thoughts which they would like school staff to consider when forming classes. Consideration of social, emotional, physical or academic factors from parents will support the knowledge that teachers have of each student. Teachers will form classes on a range of factors with the main aim of having your child have a happy and productive future year of learning.

If you would like to have your thoughts considered, the only way that this will take place is if you write a letter addressed to The Principal of Bilambil PS. These can be delivered via the front office or via email at bilambil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Please feel free to talk to your child's current teacher about this but understand that only written correspondence will be formally considered. Please understand that this is not an invitation to choose your child's teacher for next year. Which teachers are teaching which years has not been finalised yet and no requests will be considered without appropriate supporting evidence.

Kindy 2018 - enjoying a taste of big school

The first Kindergarten orientation session was held on Tuesday, 24 October. It was so wonderful to see so many excited new 'students' ready to start school next year. All students were involved in classroom reading and writing activities and also got to go the hall for Gross Motor. Orientation will run until Week 8. If you are unsure of your orientation dates or haven't as yet enrolled your child for 2018, please contact the office as soon as possible.



Tell Them From Me surveys

We have included the data to share with you from this year's Parent Survey on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. We greatly appreciate those people who had their say and feel really validated in our current efforts and practices from the data that has been collected. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mr Mostert at school.

Year 1 "Ready" afternoon

Thank you and well done to the 15 different families represented at the "Ready" afternoon last week. It was well worth the effort to get there and all parents felt they learnt something positive from the afternoon.

A reminder that the Family Connect Homework #3 I will be going home shortly. This challenges all of us to have some honest conversations as a family. We hope you enjoy them!

Vandalism

We are sad that we have had a recent spate of senseless vandalism take place at the school. Almost all of it has been tracked back to either teenagers or young adults who have not respected what our school means to all of us.

Please have conversations with any teenagers you know about respecting our school grounds and if you ever see anything suspicious going on at school and we are not talking about Mr Mostert's sense of humour, then call School Security on **1300 880 021**.

Swim Scheme

Our annual swimming scheme program has again been very popular. We apologise that it is now full and has a waiting list. Thank you to those people who returned their notes so promptly.

It's your risk...

A reminder that any student who brings any toys or personal belongings in to school is doing so at their own risk.

Whilst school staff will always endeavour to support students if things go wrong, the school takes no responsibility for these.

BPS 2017 School Magazine

The school magazine committee is happy to announce that a colourful and vibrant School Magazine will be available for purchase again this year.

They will be available from mid November at a cost \$15.00 each.

A note will go home shortly for you to pre-purchase your copy as there will only be a limited quantity available.



UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 4 2017

● School items

● P&C Items

TERM 4 WEEK 4	
Wednesday 1 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Mates Rock Orchestra • Newsletter
Thursday 2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB, KL & KN Assembly 1.40pm
Friday 3 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 & 3 CRL Coaching Clinic
TERM 4 WEEK 5	
Monday 6 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen Sushi Day • St 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) Excursion Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre
Tuesday 7 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindy 2018 Orientation Program cont. • Student School Banking • Music Mates Yr 2 Ukulele • Music Mates Guitar & Drums
Wednesday 8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Mates Rock Orchestra
Friday 10 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Day
TERM 4 WEEK 6	
Monday 13 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen Sushi Day
Tuesday 14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindy 2018 Orientation Program cont. • Student School Banking • Music Mates Yr 2 Ukulele • Music Mates Guitar & Drums
Wednesday 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Mates Rock Orchestra • Newsletter
Friday 17 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleays Kindergarten Excursion
TERM 4 WEEK 7	
Monday 20 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen Sushi Day • Swimming Program starts • St 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) Interrelate Program
Tuesday 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindy 2018 Orientation Program cont. • Swimming Program • St 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) Interrelate Program • Student School Banking • Music Mates Yr 2 Ukulele • Music Mates Guitar & Drums
Wednesday 22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Mates Rock Orchestra • Newsletter
Thursday 23 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming Program
Friday 24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming Program

Thank you P&C

Thank you and congratulations to our P&C for another fantastic year! We were pleased to share our 2018 - 2020 strategic directions with them at our final meeting last week. They have finished the year with a bang by donating the school another mobile laptop computer lab which we will add to our school by the beginning of the 2018 school year.

This is fantastic!





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

	Term 4 Week 3	Term 4 Week 4
KL	Phoenix	Candice
KN	Hayley	Koby
1/2H	Sabrielle	Ronan
1/2M	Hugo	Jaiden
1/2P	Ava	Zander Kahu
1/2R	Sunny	Summer
3/4B	Ethan	Harper
3/4C	Tally	Jack
3/4T	Jack	Rueben
5/6B	Jacob	
5/6R	Stephanie	Jack
Library	Tia	Meddiex
Music	Anika	Marlin
Principal	Dash	


Bilambil Public School




We've been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Tweed City this November!

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100.

HOW YOU CAN HELP? *We'd love your support in receiving the highest \$300 donation! Simply*

 BRONZE AWARD	
Term 4 - Weeks 3 & 4	
1/2H	Savannah
3/4B	Thomas
5/6B	Jade
5/6M	Jordan, Ciaira

 SILVER AWARD	
Term 4 - Weeks 3 & 4	
KL	Ava-Rose
K/1B	Mason, Jack
1/2H	Olivia
1/2M	Elyana, Michael
1/2P	Seth, Ava, Eve, Kalani, Kahu, Sienna
1/2R	Sommer, Mia, Iziah
3/4B	Isabell, Amelia, Harper, Jarah, Adriana, Zac
3/4C	Tia, Zaiden, Das, Jackson, Taylor
3/4T	Caitlin, Jackson, Chloe, Marshall, Georgie, Paige, Nate, Hannah, Cael
5/6B	Lakiesha, Katie, Lokaiya
5/6M	Jacob
5/6R	Flynn, Mathew

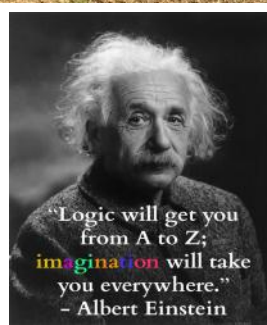
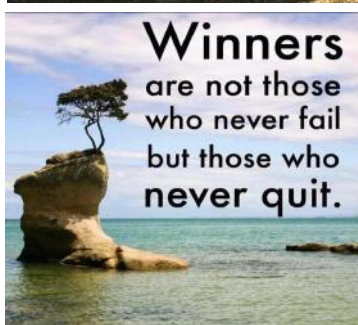
 GOLD AWARD	
Term 4 - Weeks 3 & 4	
1/2M	Isla
3/4C	Mia, Jago, Kaelani
3/4T	Grace
5/6B	Anika
5/6M	Reuben
5/6R	Zackary, Dylan

head to Grill'd Tweed City during November for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

It's a simple (and delicious) way to show your support! You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Tweed City, Shop 209 54 Minjungbal Drive.

In 5/6 B we.....

In 5/6B we are a team.....
we support each other
we accept each other
we include each other
we work together
And most importantly we help each other
to be the best that we can be

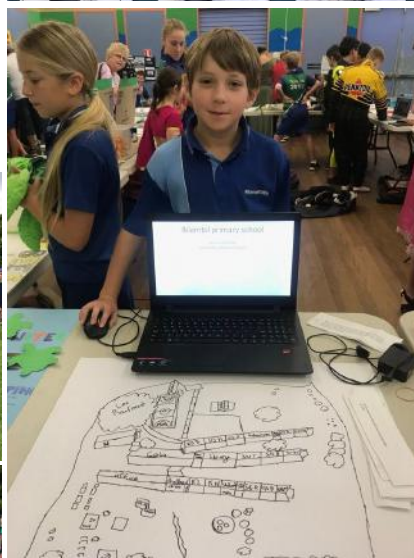


MAKE
someone
HAPPY
then you'll be happy too



you are FREE TO CHOOSE, BUT YOU ARE NOT FREE from the CONSEQUENCE OF YOUR CHOICE





**We think 5/6 B is
an awesome place
to be.....**

**★ DON'T LET
ANYONE
EVER
★ DULL YOUR
SPARKLE ★**



Scripture 2017

As a teacher, it is always encouraging when students leave your class saying thank you. We found this with Scripture this year, that each week and especially the last week, many students coming up and thanking us and saying how much they loved it. On the last week, we asked for feedback and it was very positive. We asked them three questions, "What did you like about scripture", "What did you learn from scripture", and "If you could summarise the main take away point, what would it be"? Students answered with a wide range of like, from singing, to memory verses, the stories, the games and many answered that they liked learning about God.



To the question of what they learned they answered that God loves them all the time. This was also their main take away point of learning. What a great bunch of students!

This year we've learned about how God created the world and how He has given us responsibility to care for this world that we live in. We learned that because we as people made a big mistake we became separated from God, but don't worry, Jesus came to bring us back to God. We learnt of some miracles Jesus did to show that He was God, like calming the storm, healing the sick, raising the dead and most importantly, that He died for each of us before coming back to life again. We learned through the life of Jesus how to accept people, include people, make good choices and that when we make mistakes we get a second chance. Likewise, we should also give others a second chance. We also learned about encouraging one another, helping each other, caring and being kind, caring for the poor, being generous and giving to people in need. We have learned heaps and hopefully we are all better people because of that. We use the Godspace curriculum if anyone wants to search it out.

Thank you to the Catholic and Christian Scripture teachers who volunteered their time over terms 2,3 and part of 4. A very big thank you to the teachers who took the non-scripture students each week. Also, thank you to the teachers who opened up their classrooms for scripture to operate and help supervise. This important part of the school curriculum wouldn't run without all of you doing your bit.

Many blessings,
Gavin Irvine
Scripture Coordinator



The Chappy Chapter

Can I ask what's not going on in the world of chaplaincy?

School Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

Many thanks to all the students who raised money this year in the School Read-a-Thon fundraiser. Prizes of all different sizes went out this week to the students who raised more than \$10...and it is not even Christmas...yet!

We're very excited, as the money raised will be going towards the school purchasing more computer equipment to be used in classrooms in 2018. Well done to the whole school community and for those who have kindly donated money to go towards this fantastic technology to benefit our school!

George Glasson



Seasons for Growth grief and loss course is getting a very positive response from the students. Last week in Stage 1 we planted a seedling that should flower by the time we finish the course. The seedling



represents the growth that each student will experience through recognising and learning how to deal with emotions and feelings, especially associated with grief and loss. Each student has a plant to look after and watch grow. In Stage 2 we were looking at a whole range of feelings using emoji's and then linking these feelings with our body and how our body responds to different feelings.



Canteen Kitchen Rulz had its last cook for the year last week. This delicious and good looking stir fry is the finishing product from one of the group of boys. It went out the next day to a family that needed some encouragement. This year we've cooked about 30 meals with only a handful left in the freezer. We've cooked pizza for Stage 2 and we've served up fruit platters with honey-joys for Stage 1. The students have done extremely well and have learned some valuable skills along the

way. It's also encouraging when I hear the students have taken the recipe home and cooked it with their parents for their family.

I was also able to join the team of helpers with Kids in the Kitchen in Week 2. We worked with K/1B and 1/2H in cooking up a storm. The students had a ball and again did things like cutting vegies that they've never done before (under supervision of course).

Painting the garden plots in the bottom oval has resumed after weeks of much needed rain. Two plots are finished with an undercoat and two top coats while all the others have been undercoated and now waiting to look good! Watch this space for some photos in the coming weeks.

Until next time,
Chappy Gav Irvine

Tell Them From Me – Partners in learning Survey Report

Question / Content Area	School Score	NSW Average
PARENTS FEEL WELCOME	8.8 (Average)	7.4
I feel welcome when I visit the school	9.4	
I can easily speak with my child's teacher	9.2	
I am well informed about school activities	8.3	
Teachers listen to concerns I have	9.0	
I can easily speak with the school principal	9.5	
Written information from the school is in clear, plain language	8.8	
Parent activities are scheduled at times when I can attend	7.5	
The school's administrative staff are helpful when I have a question or problem	9.2	
PARENTS ARE INFORMED	8.1 (Average)	6.6
Reports on my child are written in terms I understand	8.6	
If there were concerns with my child's behaviour, teachers would inform me immediately	8.9	
I am informed about my child's behaviour at school, whether positive or negative	8.8	
The teachers would inform me if my child were not making adequate progress in school subjects	7.9	
I'm informed about opportunities concerning my child's future	7.5	
I am informed about my child's social and emotional development	7.6	
PARENTS SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME	7.1 (Average)	6.3
Discuss how well your child is doing in his or her class	7.1	
Talk about how important schoolwork is	5.9	
Talk about how important schoolwork is	6.7	
Ask about any challenges your child might have at school	7.7	
Encourage your child to do well at school	7.7	
Praise your child for doing well at school	7.9	
Take an interest in your child's organisation	7.1	
SCHOOL SUPPORTS LEARNING	7.9 (Average)	7.3
Teachers have high expectations for my child to succeed	7.5	
Teachers show an interest in my child's learning	8.9	
My child is encouraged to do his or her best work	8.4	
Teachers take account of my child's needs, abilities & interests	7.7	
Teachers expect homework on time	7.2	
Teachers expect my child to work hard	7.6	
SCHOOL SUPPORTS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR	8.5 (average)	7.7
Teachers expect my child to pay attention in class	8.8	
Teachers maintain control of their classes	8.3	
My child is clear about the rules for school behaviour	9.0	
Teachers devote their time to extra-curricular activities	8.1	

Tell Them From Me – Partners in learning Survey Report

Question / Content Area	School Score	NSW Average
SAFETY AT SCHOOL	8.4 (average)	7.4
Behaviour issues are dealt with in a timely manner	8.4	
My child feels safe at school	8.3	
My child feels safe going to and from school	8.9	
The school helps prevent bullying	8.1	
INCLUSIVE SCHOOL	8.0 (average)	6.7
Teachers help students who need extra support	8.1	
School staff create opportunities for students who are learning at a slower pace	7.5	
Teachers try to understand the learning needs of students with special needs	7.9	
School staff take an active role in making sure all students are included in school activities	8.4	
Teachers help students develop positive friendships	8.0	



Which is healthier: Fresh, Frozen or Canned vegetables?

Buying your fresh vegetables in season means they are at their peak nutritional value and at their cheapest. It's important that they ARE fresh, though, because as the time they are stored increases, their nutrients decrease.

Frozen vegetables have their nutrients locked in by the freezing process shortly after gathering, so they are a good option: steam or microwave in a little water for best results.

Canned vegetables are a little less nutritious as the canning process affects heat sensitive vitamins EXCEPT for canned tomatoes where the antioxidants are made more available by the heat! Remember when using canned vegetables to get the low salt varieties. Whichever you use it's great that you're getting the important five serves a day for your family!



Friendly Parenting Tips

Tip #14

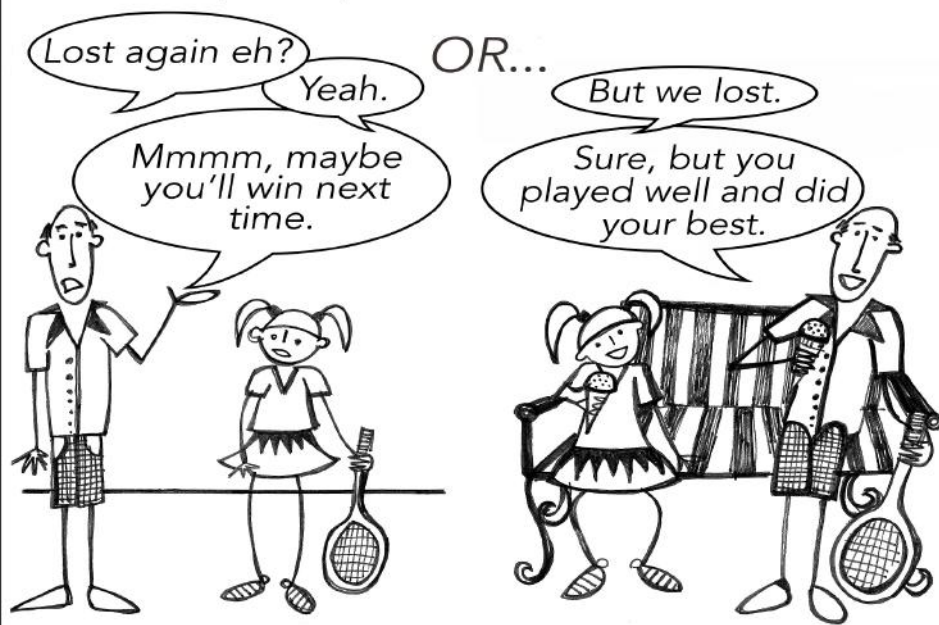
Celebrate your child for who they are and not just for their achievements

Why is this good for your child?

It helps them build a healthy and balanced relationship with themselves.

Try this...

Congratulate your child for all the attempts they make in life (not just the positive outcomes).





END OF YEAR CONCERT

We have again organised to have the end of year concert professionally taped. DVDs of the show will be available for \$20.00 and could be a great Christmas gift idea! Order forms were sent home on Monday 30 October.

DID YOU EARN P&C DOLLARS?

Have you helped us out in any way this year? If so you have probably earned yourself some P&C dollars which you can redeem in our canteen or uniform shop.

BUT, you'll need to make sure you spend them before our AGM in March next year as the dollars will expire. We will be continuing the P&C Dollar volunteer incentive scheme next year but the balance will be reset at the AGM so if you are needing new uniforms or find yourself really busy at the tail end of the year and find it easier to get our canteen to provide lunch for the kids, now is a great time to use up your dollars and get back some reward for being so generous with your time.

It is volunteers like you who enable us to return any money we make from the canteen or uniform shop sales back into our school. Thank you all!

COMPUTERS FOR YOUR KIDS

We know fundraising can be hard work and take up a lot of time. But when we see what it achieves it makes it all worth it. The P&C has just voted to spend \$12,000 on a mobile computer lab for the school. This will give a class access to laptops, in their classroom, when they need it. We supported the project because we could see the immediate benefits it would have and it supports our school's vision to support our kids' learning for a 21st Century world.

P&C THANK YOU

The P&C has just had its last meeting of the year. Sadly it is the last one ever for two of our fabulous P&C members, Kris and Madonna. Thank you for you have done for our school over the years. Kris has held the role of Vice President and Madonna has been amazing with her fundraising efforts. We will miss you both and wish you and your families all the best as you move onto high school.

DISCO FEVER!

The P&C will be holding a school disco on Wednesday 8 November afternoon. The theme will be Crazy Hair. K-2 will boogie from 4.00 to 5.30pm while Years 3-6 will get their groove on between 5.45 and 7.15pm. Pay at the door. Pizza and poppers will be available.



Date: 8 November, 2017

Time: Kindergarten - Year 2: 4.00 - 5.30pm

Year 3 - Year 6: 5.45 - 7.15pm

Theme:



Cost: \$7.00 per student - this includes entry, 1 piece of pizza, 1 popper & 1 glow stick.

Extra's:

- ▶ **Pizza** - extra slices of pizza can be purchased for \$2.00 per slice
- ▶ **Poppers** are \$1.50 each
- ▶ **Glow sticks** are 50c each or 5 for \$2.00

All payable at the door.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – ALL WELCOME

This year we want to get everyone together to celebrate the end of another great year. There will be a parents' get-together on Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at Seagulls from 6pm NSW time with dinner at 7.00pm NSW time.

Please let us know if you'd like us to reserve a spot at the table for you. Send us a message via the P&C facebook page or email us at bilambilpublicschool-pres@pandcaffiliate.org.au



EXTRA CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

We're pretty excited to be trialing half day canteen opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You still won't be able to get lunch orders on those days but it means brekky club will be available every morning before school so you can be assured they have something in their tummies to give them the fuel they need for a long day of quality learning. The kids will also be able to buy a snack at the canteen window during recess.

If you haven't had a chance to try out Big Bertha (our new coffee machine) then parents and visitors why not grab a morning coffee from us from 8.00am five days a week.

Our canteen is open a full day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The new mixed selection bento boxes have been really popular, as have our nachos. With all the great food on our menu our canteen is becoming very popular, particularly on Fridays, so it would be great if we could get a couple more people to give us a hand getting the lunch orders out on time – even if it was just as one of our back-ups for when our regulars can't make it.

Don't worry if you haven't done it before, it's very easy and we'll have someone there to give you a hand. If you can't do it this week, don't worry – we'll gratefully accept helpers any week! And don't forget, every hour you help out earns you one P&C dollar to spend at the canteen or uniform shop.

UNIFORM SHOP

We will soon be adding an A-line sport skirts with the built-in shorts to our uniform shop. These will be available at \$17.00

Sales from our uniform shop go back into funding resources and upgrades for our school so please support our uniform shop and keep the profits for our kids, instead of boosting the overflowing bank accounts of the owner of a retail chain store.

Our uniform shop is located inside the canteen and is open 8.30 to 9.00am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Purchases can also be made online at <http://www.bilambilpc.org/>. These can be picked up in the shop or we can send them home with your child.

Bilambil Community Preschool & OOSH [next to Bilambil Public School]

Out of School Hours (OOSH) and Vacation Care for your family
Monday to Friday 6.30am - 6.30pm
VACATION CARE also available on pupil free days

Preschool 9am-3pm for 3-5yr olds
Waiting list for 2017 & 2018 NOW OPEN

Please phone or pop in to discuss enrolling your family



Ph: 5590 7722

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CANTEEN'S NEW OPERATING HOURS for Term 4

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
open 8.00am to 1.30pm	open 8.00am to 12.00pm	open 8.00am to 1.30pm	open 8.00am to 12.00pm	open 8.00am to 1.30pm
Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club
Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
Lunch	Closed	Lunch	Closed	Lunch

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER

If you have some spare time and would like to assist in the canteen on this roster, please email the P&C with your preferred day bilambilschool.pc@gmail.com

Date	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	What's on!
Wednesday 1 November	Lynn	Lauren	Kaye	
Thursday 2 November	Danelle	½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS		
Friday 3 November	Erin	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Monday 6 November	Lynn	Gay	Bronny	Sushi day
Tuesday 7 November	Lauren	½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS		
Wednesday 8 November	Lynn	Lauren	Kaye	
Thursday 9 November	Danelle	½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS		
Friday 10 November	Erin	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Monday 13 November	Lynn	Gay	Bronny	Sushi day
Tuesday 14 November	Lauren	½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS		
Wednesday 15 November	Lynn	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Thursday 16 November	Danelle	½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS		
Friday 17 November	Erin	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	

CONTACT CANTEEN MANAGER **DANELLE CARROL** ON **0414 444 268**
TO JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM OF HELPERS

DON'T FORGET – You get P&C Dollars for every hour volunteered in the canteen. These dollars can be used in the canteen or towards uniform purchases (limits apply).